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Letter dated 8 May 1996 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Mr. Leonardo Franco, who has served as Director of the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA) since it was established in November 1994 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/267 of 19 September 1994, has asked, for family reasons, to be relieved of his duties and to return to Geneva, where he will rejoin the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He will be leaving Guatemala on 10 May 1996, after 18 months of distinguished service there.

After consulting the parties to the Guatemalan peace process, I have decided to appoint Mr. David Stephen, a staff member who has served in my Executive Office since September 1992, as the new Director of MINUGUA. Mr. Stephen is a Latin Americanist with considerable experience of immigration, refugee and development issues in that region and elsewhere. His appointment will be with effect from 1 June 1996.

I should be grateful if you could bring this information to the attention of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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